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TAGS: ETRN, AS (HALTON, CHARLES C.)

SUBJECT: CANADIAN TO HEAD NEW AUSTRALIAN DOT

1. HALTON IS KNOWN TO US IN CONNECTION RECENT AIR ROUTE NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADA. ALTHOUGH NOT MEMBER CANADIAN DELEGATION, HE WAS REPORTED TO BE THE PRINCIPAL ADVISER TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT WHO IN TURN WAS CALLING SHOTS ON CANADIAN POSITION. IN BRIEF CONTACTS AT SOCIAL OCCASIONS, HE GAVE IMPRESSION OF BEING A STRONG INTELLIGENT COMPETENT PERSON BEHIND A QUIET COUNTENANCE.

2. WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION HALTON PLAYED AN IMPORTANT, BEHIND THE SCENES ROLE IN THE RECENT CONTROVERSY ON CONTINUING PRECLEARANCE OF AIR PASSENGER BY US INSPECTION AGENCIES IN CANADA; PROBABLY ON THE SIDE OF TERMINATING PRECLEARANCE. PRECLEARANCE WAS PASSED BY US AND BY CANADIAN PUBLIC AND IT NOW APPEARS THAT IT WILL BE CONTINUED.

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3. HALTON CLEARLY KNOWS GREAT DEAL ABOUT US AVIATION

POLICIES FROM HIS CLOSE INVOLVEMENT WITH US-CANADA CIVIL
PROBLEMS OVER SEVERAL YEARS. KISSINGER

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